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SPEECH CONVERTING METHOD, :
PROGRAM, AND MEDIUM :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the section beginning at page 3, line 4:

One aspect of the present invention is a speech converting device comprising:

Please replace the section beginning at page 4, line 5:

Another aspect of the present invention is a speech converting device, wherein said first extracting/displaying means has a displaying section comprising a display screen which displays said plural word strings that are objects of said selection, and said selected word in respective predetermined regions, and

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 14:

Still another aspect of the present invention is a speech converting device, wherein, when said selected word string is displayed on said display screen, said

first extracting/displaying means additionally displays also information indicating that candidates of the corresponding term can be displayed, with respect to a part of said word string.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21:

Yet still another aspect of the present invention is a speech converting device, wherein said speech converting device further comprises screen display specifying means of specifying said part of said word string on said display screen, said additional information being displayed with respect to said part of said word string.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3:

Still yet another aspect of the present invention is a speech converting device, wherein said converting means determines a result in which said specified part of said word string is replaced with a term of said selected candidate, as said conversion object.

Please replace the section beginning at page 5, line 8:

A further aspect of the present invention is a speech converting method comprising:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9:

A still further aspect of the present invention is a program for causing a computer to function as a whole or a part of said speech recognizing means, said first extracting/displaying means, said conversion object selecting means, said second extracting/displaying means, said candidate selecting means, and said converting means of said speech converting device.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 17:

A yet further aspect of the present invention is a program for causing a computer to function as a whole or a part of said speech recognizing step, said first extracting/displaying step, said conversion object selecting step, said second extracting/displaying step, said candidate selecting step, and said converting step of said speech converting method.

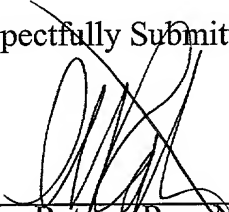
Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 24:

A still yet further aspect of the present invention is a medium which carries said program, and which is processable by a computer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 2:

An additional aspect of the present invention is a medium which carries said program, and which is processable by a computer.

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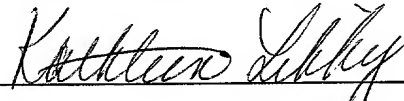
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADESPECIFICATION:

Specification at page 3, line 4:

~~The 1st invention~~ One aspect of the present invention is a speech converting device comprising:

Specification at page 4, line 5:

~~The 2nd invention~~ Another aspect of the present invention is a speech converting device ~~according to 1st invention~~, wherein said first extracting/displaying means has a displaying section comprising a display screen which displays said plural word strings that are objects of said selection, and said selected word in respective predetermined regions, and

Specification at page 4, line 14:

~~The 3rd invention~~ Still another aspect of the present invention is a speech converting device ~~according to 2nd invention~~, wherein, when said selected word string is displayed on said display screen, said first extracting/displaying means additionally displays also information indicating that candidates of the corresponding term can be displayed, with respect to a part of said word string.

Specification at page 4, line 21:

~~The 4th invention~~ Yet still another aspect of the present invention is a speech converting device ~~according to 3rd invention~~, wherein said speech converting device further comprises screen display specifying means of specifying said part of said word string on said display screen, said additional information being displayed with respect to said part of said word string.

Specification at page 5, line 3:

~~The 5th invention~~ Still yet another aspect of the present invention is a speech converting device ~~according to 1st invention~~, wherein said converting means determines a result in which said specified part of said word string is replaced with a term of said selected candidate, as said conversion object.

Specification at page 5, line 8:

~~The 6th invention~~ A further aspect of the present invention is a speech converting method comprising:

Specification at page 6, line 9:

~~The 7th invention~~ A still further aspect of the present invention is a program for causing a computer to function as a whole or a part of said speech recognizing means, said first extracting/displaying means, said conversion object selecting means, said second extracting/displaying means, said candidate selecting means, and said converting means of said speech converting device ~~according to any one of 1st to 5th inventions.~~

Specification at page 6, line 17:

~~The 8th invention~~ A yet further aspect of the present invention is a program for causing a computer to function as a whole or a part of said speech recognizing step, said first extracting/displaying step, said conversion object selecting step, said second extracting/displaying step, said candidate selecting step, and said converting step of said speech converting method ~~according to 6th invention.~~

Specification at page 6, line 24:

~~The 9th invention~~ A still yet further aspect of the present invention is a medium which carries said program ~~according to 7th invention~~, and which is processable by a computer.

Specification at page 7, line 2:

~~The 10th invention~~ An additional aspect of the present invention is a medium which carries said program ~~according to 8th invention~~, and which is processable by a computer.